Mr. M. A. Gopalaswamy Iyengar (Special Interests).—

Q.—52. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many co-operative societies in the State have purchased the lands of their members at sales held either in the execution of decrees or for the recovery of land revenue arrears during 1930-31, 1931-32 and 1932-33?

(*b*) What is the extent and value of the lands so purchased during each of these years?

(*c*) Whether the Government have made any arrangement for the re-conveyance of such lands to their previous owners on favourable terms?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

A.—52. (*a*) to (*c*) The information is not available in the Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies or the Assistant Registrars, and will have to be collected from the individual societies. This will involve much time and labour and may not result in obtaining accurate information as it is reported that many of the societies have not maintained registers containing these particulars. It is also reported that in the majority of cases the lands are re-conveyed to the original owners on payment of the decretal amount and costs.